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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS IN THE REFORMA TREND.

1. PEMEX CONTINUES TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF ITS GAS SEPARATION STATIONS IN THE SAMARIA OIL FIELD. ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO DIFFERENT U.S. COMPANIES WORKING IN THE AREA, GAS IS STILL BEING FLARED FROM BOTH CACTUS AND SAMARIA BECAUSE THE 8 INTERSOLL-RAND COMPRESOR UNITS AT SAMARIA ARE NOT OPERATING. PEMEX HAS MOVED FIVE UNITS BUILT BY THE SOLAR DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER FROM CACTUS TO SAMARIA TO PROCESS SOME OF THE ASSOCIATED GAS BUT CONSIDERALY QUANTITIES ARE STILL BEING FLARED*

2. INGERSOLL-RAND'S PROBLEMS HAVE SEVERAL CAUSES. THE COMPRESSORS ARE A NEW DESIGN WITH A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SEAL THAT WORKED WELL IN LABORATORY TEST BUT HAS NOT PERFORMED PROPERLY IN THE HOT, WET CLIMATE OF THE VILLA HERMOSA REGION. THE QUALITY OF THE PEMEX WORKERS HAS ALSO BEEN A PROBLEM. ANOTHER COMPLICATING FACTOR HAS BEEN THAT THE GAS BEING FLARED AT SAMARIA HAS A VERY HIGH SULPHUR CONTENT. WHEN THESE OXIDES ENTER THE ATMOSPHERE, THEY FORM ACIDS THAT CAUSE SEVERE CORROSION PROBLEMS FOR EQUIPMENT IN
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THE VICINITY OF THE SAMRAI FIELDS, INCLUDING THE COMPRESSOR STATIONS.

3. DIAZ SERRANO IS REPORTED TO HAVE PROMISED LOPEZ-PORTILLO THAT ALL FLARING WILL BE STOPPED BY MARCH 18, THE ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONALIZATION. PEMEX IS GOING TO HAVE A TOUGH TIME MEETING THIS DEADLINE. IF IT DOES

MANAGE, IT WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO DELIVER A SUFFICIENT
VOLUME OF GAS TO BEGIN USING THE NUMBER 4 SWEETNER
PLANT AT CACTUS WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER BUT
HAS BEEN IDLE FOR LACK OF FEEDSTOCK.
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